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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

Subject: PSB Midday Meeting, November 6, 1952,
in Mr. Bruce's Office.

Present: David K. Bruce
W. Bedell Smith
Alan G. Kirk

The following PSB matters were discussed:

Semi-Annual Report to NSC

It is recognized that an additional report in early January will probably be expected. The desire was plainly indicated to have such report as brief as possible.

National Holidays in Conflict with Thursday Meetings

The Members agreed that Thursday, November 27, being Thanksgiving Day, the Midday Meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 26th. Insofar as Christmas and New Year's days are concerned, decision as to substitute days was deferred.

Admiral Kirk indicated that on the evening of Thursday, December 4, he was committed to make a speech before the English-Speaking Union in New York City. The Members present felt that his absence on that date would be acceptable to them.

American Bible Society

The American Bible Society's suggestion regarding the "generous gesture" to be announced by the President-elect of offering Bibles in the Russian language to the Russian people was not favorably looked upon by the Board. Admiral Kirk was instructed to write appropriately to Dr. Darlington.

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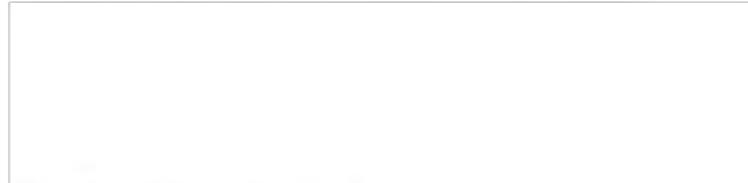
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Availability of Mr. Joseph Sweeney for PSB Study

Mr. Bruce gave Admiral Kirk a memorandum from Mr. Carlisle Humelsine, Deputy Under Secretary of State for Administration, indicating that Mr. Joseph Sweeney would be available for this special work until 1 January 1953.

10/5 Procedure

Admiral Kirk informed the Members that progress was being made on the procedure for the 10/5 Review Group, and that first studies of projects concerned with covert operations would take place early next week.

In this connection, Mr. Bruce gave Admiral Kirk the Department of State's written concurrence with the Director of CIA's memorandum of 31 October 1952.

The Members were informed that the Department of Defense had signified its concurrence therein.

Admiral Kirk to Speak to the Armed Forces Staff College and the Seminar of the Atlantic Command and U.S. Atlantic Fleet

The Members indicated no objection to these two commitments for Admiral Kirk to speak.

Those present then engaged in a discussion of electromagnetic warfare in its broadest aspects and not connected with the primary functions of PSB. Information was exchanged as to projects in hand. Points of view were expressed, all indicating the seriousness with which the Soviet capability in this field was considered.

Alan G. Kirk.